

Amendment No. 1 to HB0644

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**AMEND Senate Bill No. 621**

**House Bill No. 644\***

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-30-318(h), is amended by adding the following new subdivision (4):

(4) In a Step I, Step II, and Step III proceeding under this subsection (h), the state agency bears the burden of proving by a preponderance of evidence that a state law, rule, or policy was not violated with respect to a complainant. The appointing authority, commissioner, and board of appeals shall apply such evidentiary standard in issuing any decision and conducting any proceeding, as applicable, under this subsection (h).

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.